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I send greetings to those gathered for "A Toast to Adult and Cord Blood Stem Cells," hosted by Do No Harm: The Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics.

Our Nation has made groundbreaking progress toward finding new cures for diseases, and we will continue to lead the world in medical research that fosters and encourages respect for human life in all its stages. Since its founding, Do No Harm has worked to promote and support the development of medical treatments and therapies that respect the value and dignity of every human life. Through advocacy and education, Do No Harm helps our Nation pursue the tremendous possibilities of medicine and research while working to ensure America remains an ethical and compassionate society. This event is an opportunity to celebrate accomplishments and raise awareness about the great potential of ethical, effective adult and cord blood stem cell research.

I appreciate those involved with Do No Harm and all who worked to make this event a success. Your efforts help improve the well-being of our citizens and contribute to the strength our Nation.

Laura and I send our best wishes.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "GWB", likely representing George W. Bush.